

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An image forming method comprising:  
laminating a plurality of toner layers on a surface of a transparent substrate electrophotographically;  
fixing the plural toner layers to the surface of the transparent substrate in a primary fixing step; and  
fixing the primarily fixed plural toner layers in a secondary fixing step under lower atmospheric pressure than the primary fixing step.
2. (Original) An image forming method according to claim 1, wherein the secondary fixing step is carried out in a non-contact manner.
3. (Original) An image forming method according to claim 1, wherein the secondary fixing step is carried out at 100 to 140°C.
4. (Previously Presented) An image forming method comprising:  
laminating a plurality of toner layers on a surface of a transparent substrate electrophotographically;  
fixing the plural toner layers to the surface of the transparent substrate as a primary fixing step; and  
fixing the primarily fixed plural toner layers in a secondary fixing step under reduced pressure using heated rolls.
5. (Currently Amended) An image forming method according to claim 1, wherein the plural toner layers are heated under atmospheric pressure before the secondary fixing under reduced atmospheric pressure in the secondary fixing step is carried out.
6. (Previously Presented) An image forming method according to claim 1, wherein the primary fixing step is carried out at a primary fixing temperature of 100 to 145°C.
7. (Original) An image forming method according to claim 4, wherein a temperature of the heated rolls in the secondary fixing step is from 120 to 170°C.
8. (Original) An image forming method according to claim 5, wherein the plural toner layers are heated in a non-contact manner in an oven.

9. (Original) An image forming method according to claim 5, wherein the plural toner layers are heated at 80 to 140°C.
10. (Previously Presented) An image forming method comprising:
  - laminating a plurality of toner layers on a surface of a transparent substrate electrophotographically;
  - fixing the plural toner layers to the surface of the transparent substrate as a primary fixing step; and
  - fixing the primarily fixed plural toner layers in a secondary fixing step under reduced pressure,
  - wherein a degree of vacuum of the reduced pressure is no more than  $1 \times 10^4$  Pa.
11. (Original) An image forming method according to claim 10, wherein the secondary fixing step is carried out in a non-contact manner.
12. (Original) An image forming method according to claim 10, wherein the secondary fixing step is carried out at 100 to 140°C.
13. (Original) An image forming method according to claim 10, wherein the secondary fixing step is carried out by using heated rolls.
14. (Original) An image forming method according to claim 10, wherein the plural toner layers are heated under atmospheric pressure before the secondary fixing under reduced pressure in the secondary fixing step is carried out.
15. (Original) An image forming method according to claim 10, wherein the primary fixing step is carried out at a primary fixing temperature of 100 to 145°C.
16. (Original) An image forming method according to claim 13, wherein a temperature of the heated rolls in the secondary fixing step is from 120 to 170°C.
17. (Original) An image forming method according to claim 14, wherein the toner layers are heated in a non-contact manner in an oven.
18. (Original) An image forming method according to claim 14, wherein the toner layers are heated at 80 to 140°C.
19. (Original) An image-recorded medium formed by the steps comprising:
  - laminating a plurality of toner layers on a surface of a transparent substrate electrophotographically;
  - fixing the plural toner layers to form a fixed image; and

laminating the fixed image with a transparent laminate film,  
wherein the fixed image is formed by the image forming method according to  
claim 1.

20. (Original) An image-recorded medium produced by  
laminating a plurality of toner layers on a surface of a transparent substrate  
electrophotographically;  
fixing the plural toner layers to form a fixed image; and  
laminating the fixed image with a transparent laminate film,  
wherein the fixed image is formed by the image forming method according to  
claim 10.